

Jailed Imran Khan given extra 10yrs

FORMER Pakistani
Prime Minister Imran
Khan has been handed
a 10-years jail term in
a case in which he was
accused of leaking
state secrets.
Mr Khan (above),
who was queted by his

Mr Khan (above), who was ousted by his opponents as PM in 2022, is already serving a three-year jail term after being convicted of corruption.

He has called all the charges against him "politically motivated".

The conviction under

The conviction under the secrets act comes a week before general elections in which is he barred from standing. Former Foreign

Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi was also sentenced to 10 years in prison by the

years in prison by the special court.

The so-called cipher case revolves around the alleged leaking of secret diplomatic correspondence sent by Pakistan's ambassador in Washington to Islamabad when Mr Khan was PM.

HSBC fined £57m by BoE

HSBC has been fined £57.4 million by the Bank of England for "serious failings" over its requirements to protect customer deposits.

The bank failed to accurately identify deposits eligible for Britain's Financial Services Compensation Scheme, the Bank's Prudential Regulation Authority said.

Under the scheme, customer deposits are protected up to the value

of £85,000.
The Bank said the failings occurred between 2015 and 2022.



DUP vote to restore power-sharing HOPES RISE FOR ULSTER



LEADER: Sir Jeffrey

THE Democratic Unionist Party has agreed a deal to restore power-sharing to Northern Ireland, subject to legislation by the UK Govern-

The party collapsed the power-sharing government nearly two years ago in protest against post-Brexit trade arrangements that have created trade barriers between the UK and Northern

DUP leader Sir Jeffrey Donaldson said his party will restore power-sharing in Northern Ireland, subject to the UK Government tabling and passing new legislative measures as agreed in negotiations. He said the package of measures. once delivered, would provide the basis for the return of devolved

government.

Sir Jeffrey said he believed the deal would safeguard Northern Ireland's place within the UK and crucially, from the DUP's point of view, would remove checks on goods moving within the UK and remaining in Northern Ireland.

But he warned that the DUP would only be able to move after the UK Government delivers on

implementing the agreement.

"Both our party officers and party

executive have mandated me to move forward... on the basis of the proposals brought forward by the Government, subject to and on the basis of the Government delivering measures of that package," he said. Sir Jeffrey described the vote as

"decisive" and, although the specific details of the deal have yet to be published, he said he was "confident" in the progress that had been achieved.

He also said that he believed the Government could move "quickly" to bring forward legislation to implement what had been agreed.



'Silly gossip' that Kemi is 'Evil Plotter'

AN ally of Kemi
Badenoch has insisted
claims that she is a
member of a WhatsApp
group entitled 'Evil
Plotters' despite telling
Tory rebels to back PM
Rishi Sunak is "all just
silly gossip".
Housing minister
Lee Rowley described
allegations that he is
unofficially still
operating as the

operating as the Business Secretary's campaign manager as a "self-indulgent

conspiracy".

Ms Badenoch (above), seen as one of the most popular Cabinet members with the party membership, has publicly criticised Conservative plotters for "stirring" by

for stirring by suggesting she could replace the PM.
But *The Guardian* has reported that she and Levelling Up
Secretary Michael Gove have messaged in recent weeks on the Evil Plotters messaging

group. Ms Badenoch was

Ms Badenoch was also said to have been holding regular lunches with key backers, including Mr Rowley and other ministers.

A spokesman for the Business Secretary did not deny she is in the WhatsApp group and argued it is part of a "targeted campaign" against her.

Shop price rises slow

SHOP prices rose at their slowest rate in more than 18 months in January, according to the latest report from the British

Retail Consortium. Inflation – the rate at which prices rise – reached near-record highs last year, prompting a cost-of-living crisis.

However, discounts and lower prices for milk and tea saw shop price

and tea saw snop price inflation fall to 2.9%, from 4% in December. Overall, prices are still going up in UK shops, but at a slower rate.

The BRC said shop

price inflation in January was at its lowest level since May 2022, while discounts after New Year helped slow price increases.



A FORMER minister quit his job because his huge £118,264 salary could no longer cover his mortgage.

Tory MP George Freeman Tory MP George Freeman claimed in a blog post that rising mortgage rates had contributed to his decision to leave his job as a science minister last November.

Resignation

In his resignation letter to the PM, Mr Freeman said that he wanted to "focus on my health, family wellbeing, and life beyond the front bench". His departure came alongside

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the Cabinet reshuffle, where he was succeeded by Andrew Griffith.

However, Mr Freeman's blog post on Friday states that his monthly mortgage payments

monthly mortgage payments rose this month from £800 to £2,000, which he "simply couldn't afford to pay on a ministerial salary".

Mortgage rates have shot up since the 2022 Autumn Budget, with research by Labour finding that those who have renewed their mortgage since

are paying £150 more every week on average. Ministers of state are paid

£31,680 a year, on top of standard MP's salary £86,584.

MPs in the Government are barred from taking on second jobs outside politics to help supplement their income, but Mr Freeman is free to do so as a backbencher.

Death

Leaving his job as a minister has given Mr Freeman "70 hours a week I didn't have before", he wrote.

He continued:

receiving a tidal wave of letters from people I didn't know... thanking me and saying they wish I'd stayed.

"It was like prematurely announcing your death and finally discovering who cared."

Mr Freeman has been representing Mid Norfolk since 2010, before which he worked in venture capital and founded four biomedical founded four biomedical start-up companies.

He added in his blog post:

We're in danger of making politics something only hedge funder donors, young spin doctors and failed trade "I started unionists can afford to do.



WEDNESDAY starts dry in England and wet across most of Scotland. Those showers will move slowly south during the afternoon, to be replaced by the odd sunny spell in the far north. 00 Temperatures of 8C in London, and in Cardiff, 7C in Manchester, 10C in Belfast and 7C in Edinburgh.

SUN FRI SAT the same, so keep those waterproofs, wellies and umbrellas to hand if you wish to avoid a good

soaking.
Temperatures of 8C in
London, 9C in Cardiff,
8C in Manchester, 7C in
Belfast and in Edinburgh.
OUTLOOK: Damp.

THREE-DAY WEATHER OUTLOOK

A COUNCIL in England has doubled down on the fining of people caught peeing in the countryside for littering, even after it emerged its own legal advice did not appear to fully support its store.

support its stance.
There have been at least two cases of men handed £88 fines by Dacorum borough council in Herts, after being caught in the act by council enforcers apparently lying in

wait in laybys.
After the men
claimed they were

Council insists outdoor wee is 'litter'

relieving themselves in woods by the layby, the fines have provoked a row over whether taking a piss on the wild side amounts to littering – or whether it is even a crime at all.

Lawyers have criticised the fines, but Dacorum council officials have

been defiant, saying their policy – which is not unique – has a legal basis. In both cases, the

men were stopped by an employee of District Enforcement, which despite its officialsounding name is a private firm contracted

by Dacorum council to

issue penalty fines.
The council receives 22% of the fines and the firm retains 78%.

Dacorum council said: "We have sought legal advice on the use of littering fixed penalty notices for urination and we're satisfied."

CO-STARS: Pugh and Murphy



Brain implant chip first for Musk's firm

ENTREPRENEUR Elon Musk has confirmed his Musk has confirmed his start-up firm Neuralink has successfully put a computer chip into a human's brain for the first time, and that the patient is "recovering well".

Neuralink aims to give those with paralysis the ability to control their devices, including their

paralysis the ability to control their devices, including their smartphone, using just their thoughts, and is currently being trialled to test the functionality of its interface and the surgical robot used to implant the chips.

Neuralink said the threads of its implant are so fine that they cannot be inserted by a human hand, so a specially designed and built Neuralink surgical robot carries out the delicate procedure.

Billionaire Tesla and SpaceX boss Musk, 52 (above), said the brain chip company's first product was called "Telepathy", adding: "Imagine if Stephen Hawking was able to communicate faster than a speed typist or auctioneer... that is the goal."



Two women dead in fire

TWO women have died

and a baby was taken to hospital following a fire. Emergency services were called to the scene on Back Hilton Road,
Aberdeen, at around 6pm
on Monday.
Police Scotland said
the two women died at

The baby was taken to hospital as a precaution

and was later discharged.
Neighbouring properties
were evacuated as a precaution while fire crev dealt with the incident.



about her breast regret – saying she wished she "never got them done" – her remarks were echoed by a chorus of other women **Demand** who lamented their rash Once-desired double-Ds now seem to have fallen out of favour among young women, despite a high demand for augmentations from Gen Z clients last

year. When reality TV star Kylie Jenner opened up

who lamented their rash decision.

Scores of women have shared their plastic surgery remorse and, for some, their tales of removal, following a larger trend of aesthetics reversal, with celebs like Tori Spelling, Blac Chyna and Chrissy

Pacifico believes the trend will continue to soar in 2024, with chief complaints among the well-endowed being pain with heavy implants or breast restoration after having children.

He said: "Post-pregnancy patients often like their breasts restored to how they were before they were breastfeeding and before they lost breast volume rather than that 'Love Island type'."



Drones used in hunt for missing ape

DRONES carrying thermal cameras have been deployed in the hunt for a monkey missing from a wildlife park.

wildlife park.
The ape, which is on the loose after escaping from Highland Wildlife Park near Kingussie, Inverness, could have done a runner due to high tensions with other primates.
Nicknamed Kingussie Kong, the monkey has been spotted nicking nuts from neighbour's bird feeders before giving zookeepers the runabout around the neighbourhood.
A spokesperson for

neighbourhood.
A spokesperson for
Highland Wildlife Park
said yesterday: "There
has been a sighting of
the macaque this
morning, which we are
responding to.
"Throughout the day
way event team will be

our expert team will be patrolling the area using a variety of techniques to try and coax him in, as well as using our thermal

using our thermal image drone contractor to aid with the search." They added they hoped the missing macaque would return to the zoo of its own

to the zoo of its own volition.
Staff at the park, run by the Royal Zoological Society of Scotland, urged the public not to approach the primate and said zookeepers were searching for the animal.

RMT calls two more rail strikes

A FRESH strike has been announced by rail workers as train services were left crippled yesterday because of a walkout

because or a walkout by drivers. Services across southern England were cancelled or reduced as members of ASLEF staged members of ASLEF staget another strike in their long-running dispute over pay and conditions. The strike forced many people to drive to work, which led to huge traffic

jams on roads including the M25. The Rail, Maritime

and Transport union announced a strike by London Overground workers in a separate

dispute over pay.

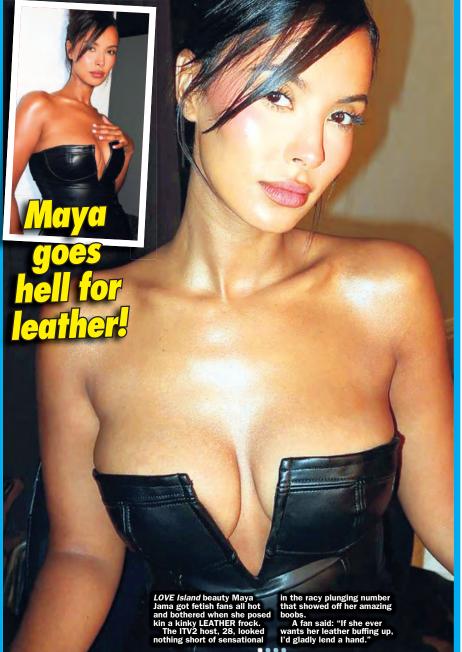
More than 300 union
members will walk out for
48 hours on February 19

and again on March 4. Security, station, revenue and control staff are among those taking industrial action.

The RMT said Arriva Rail London, which has the contract on London Overground, has offered a below inflation pay offer.

Union members have overwhelmingly voted for action in response.





WOMAN who was jailed for sexual offences involving a teenage boy is back behind bars after she was caught having a

meal with youngsters in Nando's.

Karen Robb, 48, of Blackpool, Lancs, groomed a 15-year-old boy on Facebook and exposed her breasts to the 'naïve' teenager.

She went on to meet the boy, who said he wanted to 'hold hands with her' and promised to do 'naughty things' with him.

For eight months in 2016 and 2017, the mum-of-one exchanged explicit messages with

explicit messages with the teenager, who said he had fallen in love with her.

Harm

Hisparentsdiscovered what was happening when they saw his mobile phone, and decided to deal with it themselves. However when Robb's partner became aware,

he quickly contacted the police.
In 2018, Robb was sentenced to 16 months and put on the sex offenders' register for 10

was handed sexual harm prevention order which prohibited her from spending time

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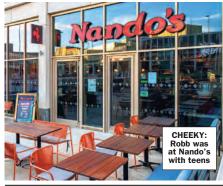
with under-16s without the prior consent of their parents and social

But in August 2023, Robb flouted the order and attended a family meal at Nando's in Barnsley with four Barnsley with four children under the age

Between August 15
and September 7, 2023,
Robb also stayed at a
house in Blackpool
where a child lived.
She did not tell the
police she was staying
there and was banned
from doing so under the
terms of her notification
requirements.
Judge Darren Preston
said only an immediate

said only an immediate prison sentence could be justified.

He jailed Robb, of Barton Avenue, Blackpool, for 28 months.



Crossbow raider shot dead

A MAN armed with a crossbow has been shot dead by police in south London, the Met has said. Officers responded to a call just before 5am yesterday to a home in Surrey Quays, Southwark, where he was trying to force his way inside. It was reported that the man, believed to be in his 30s, was threatening to harm residents.

The Met Police said local officers were

The Met Folice said total officers were threatened before armed police took over.

The force said the man had got inside the home in Bywater Place when he was shot. He was given first aid but died at the scene.





Gen Z voters influenced by Taylor Swift

TAYLOR Swift could heavily influence the way Yanks vote in the presidential election, with a fifth of voters saying they're "likely" to back a candidate she endorses.

The pop star's stratospheric influence on popular culture may impact the race to the White House, especially as new Gen Z voters join the electorate this year.

In a poll conducted by Redfield & Wilton Strategies, 18 percent of voters say that they're "more likely" or "significantly more likely" to vote for a candidate endorsed by the 34-year-old (above).

Sway

Her sway was more visible with voters under the age of 35.
This election will see eight million new voters in the US electorate, and a total of 41m Gen Z voters, many of whom are influenced by celebrities and social media.
However, 17% said they would be less likely to vote for a candidate backed by the Look What You Made Me Do singer.
Although she has never publicly said who she votes for, in 2020 Swift vowed to kick Donald Trump out of the White House with her vote.

Pet dog is stolen by Amazon!

AN Amazon driver has

AN Amazon driver has been arrested after stealing a French bulldog from a house while out making deliveries.

Cops went to the home in Spring Hill, Florida, after receiving reports of the missing dog, called Kali.

A neighbour told the pet's owner he saw Kali walk up to a Hispanic man in his mid-30s, who was wearing an Amazon was wearing an Amazon uniform and driving a white Chevrolet Cruz.

Kali's owner contacted

Mair's owner contacted Amazon customer support, who suggested getting police involved. Using the information, cops then identified 34-year-old Reinier Revilla 34-year-old Reinier Revilla as a suspect and went to his home to interview him about the missing dog. The sheriff's office said Revilla admitted to taking the dog and that she was still in his possession. Kali was returned to her owner later that day. Although an Amazon

Although an Amazon spokesman did not name Revilla specifically, he said "the individual" is no longer delivering packages for Amazon.



















Streamed vile vids for online weirdos

HELD:

A WANNABE influencer was nicked after she tortured and killed animals live on YouTube to gain sicko social

live on YouTube to gain sicko social media followers.

Anigar Monsee, 28, was slapped with a slew of animal cruelty charges over four livestream videos she posted to her channel that showed her mutilating a live chicken, a pigeon, a rabbit, and frogs.

Monsee, who in some of the videos appeared scantily clad, solicited more likes and followers from her army of 20,000 subscribers as she hacked at the animals in the various livestreams, the various livestreams according to a criminal complaint.

Barbaric

"It's just barbaric. It's "It's just barbaric. It's inhumane that someone could do that," Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, Police Superintendent Timothy Bernhardt said, adding that it was even more disturbing "the fact that you are soliciting and people are soliciting and people are encouraging this".

Her latest video titled 'Cooking lucky', which was posted earlier this month just before her arrest, allegedly showed Monsee using a knife to slice a chicken's neck over a kitchen sink as the distressed animal tried to flee, police said. Other clips posted last August and September are said to have shown Monsee dismembering

frogs and plucking a live pigeon's feathers before running the bird's head under scalding water and then sawing it off.

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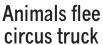
In a fourth video,
which lasts 30 minutes,
Monsee is accused of
using a "dull knife" to
torture arabbit to death,
police said.

Authorities said they
were made aware of
the sick videos last week
by the animal activist

the sick videos last week by the animal activist group PETA.

Monsee, whose YouTube page appears to have now been deleted, was slapped with four counts of aggravated cruelty to animals.

She is currently being held at the Delaware County Jail.



CAMELS, zebras, and a horse ran wild on a busy road after the circus truck transporting them burst into flames. Cops scrambled to

catch the camels, which trotted across Interstate 69 in Indiana.

Unfazed by the chaos, five zebras were seen munching on nearby grass.

Inferno

The truck - loaded with animals - caught fire in Grant County, around 60 miles northeast of Indianapolis.

Fortunately, two cops who were patrolling the area saw the inferno

area saw the inferno and rushed to escort the animals to safety, state police said. "It's not something we see every day!" said Deputy Brent Ressett with the Grant County Sheriff's Office.











Cruise ship passengers' blue puke!

PASSENGERS on a cruise ship were struck down with an unknown illness that made them throw up BLUE puke!
Miranda Hill fell ill – and thought she was seasick – shortly after departing
Jacksonville, Florida, on the Carnival Cruise
Line's Elation ship
(above) with her fella and his family.

She said: "My puke was bright blue but I'd not eaten or drunk anything blue, and every time I look up 'blue throw-up', it has something to do with a poisoning."

Instead of enjoying a relaxing five-day sea

a relaxing five-day sea cruise, Miranda said she spent half her time hooked up to an IV in the ship's infirmary.

Parasite

And she wasn't the only one – members of her boyfriend's family, some of her friends and

some of her friends and other passengers also had similar symptoms. She added: "My pal who I came with threw up a live parasite!" Carnival Cruise Carnival Cruise Lines said people onboard the Elation ship had symptoms of gastroenteritis – or the stomach flu – and that the ship would undergo an extra layer of cleaning

undergo an extra layer of cleaning.

Experts say that you are more likely to get a sickness bug on a cruise than by licking an Ethiopian's anus.

Ms Hill, meanwhile, said that she and her boyfriend had each received a £75 cruise credit to use on a

credit to use on a future voyage.

Carjacker's killed in 2nd smash

A SCUMBAG who stole the car of a good Samaritan, who'd pulled over to check on him after he'd wrecked his own vehicle, was killed in a second crash just moments later.

A 35-year-old woman was driving along State Road 50 in Brooksville, about 70 miles west of Orlando in Florida, when she spotted a car that had crashed into the central reservation.

After she pulled over to investigate the wreck, the crashed car's driver the crashed car's driver –
a 29-year-old man from
Dade City – stole her car,
a Chevy HHR, leaving her
stranded on the highway.
The carjacker took off

in the Chevy westbound on State Road 50 and lost control just three miles later and collided head-on with a lorry.

He died instantly. The identity of the carjacker has not been released.

A police source laughed: "Well, ain't karma a bitch?!



A LOON has been jailed for life after he admitted murdering two dentists in a row over false teeth.

Steven Smith, 42, gunned down 75-year-old

gunned down 75-year-old Dr Jack Burroughs and Dr Blake Sinclair, 59, in a fit of rage in 2022. Judge Debby Gunter handed down a life sentence in a state correctional facility without the possibility of parole.

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Smith, described as a "difficult patient" by victims' colleagues at Affordable Dentures & Implants, pleaded guilty to one count of capital murder of multiple persons, the same day his jury trial was due to begin.

"The victims have waited a long time for this day. The defendant pleaded guilty to capital murder and will never be released from prison. We are thankful for the hard work of the Smith County Sheriff's Office and prosecutors," District Attorney Jacob Putman said in a statement after

Attorney Jacob Futman said in a statement after the sentencing hearing. Prosecutors had already announced they would not be seeking the death penalty against Smith. On March 16, 2022,



GUNNED DOWN: Blake Sinclair and Jack Burroughs

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Smith was at the clinic to have work done on his

to have work done on his dentures, when things took a grisly turn.

A nurse told cops that Smith "was not happy with how they were doing the procedure" and repeatedly tried to tell the staff what to do. The nurse also noted that Smith had "always been a difficult patient". After hearing complaints from the nursing staff, Dr Burroughs intervened and told Smith that he was "no longer going to be a patient of theirs" because of repeated

problematic interactions with staff, police said. An angry Smith then tried to take back his dentures and pushed Dr Burroughs to the floor, the nurse told police. Smith then left the practice and went to his truck before turning around and "walking around and "walking very fast" back toward the office. Burroughs and Sinclair tried to lock the door, but Smith forced his way in and a struggle ensued until Smith drew a handgun and shot both dentists multiple times. multiple times.

The two men died later at hospital.

Plane joyrider dies in crash

A STUDENT pilot who pinched a plane to go joy-flying died when he crashed it.

Logan Timothy James, 23, of North Carolina, has been identified as the person who took the single-engine Cessna
172 from the ATP Flight
School at Addison
Airport in Texas.
Authorities said the
plane crashed near the

Texas-Oklahoma horde around an hour after it was taken.

In an air traffic control recording, James turned off all communications systems after stating his plans to travel to East

Texas in the aircraft.
It is unclear why the plane went down, and what James's motives were by taking it.

VET'S FACING JAIL FOR £500k DISABILITY LIE

AN army vet who spent 20 years in a wheelchair to falsely claim more than £500k in benefits was busted after he was spotted walking normally. Christopher Stultz, 49 (below), pleaded guilty to making false statements to the US Department of Vetsury Affeins 2000 to called = 1600.

to making laise decreases to the variable of Veterans Affairs in 2003 to collect a root disability rating.

Stultz's elaborate scheme started in January 2003 when he told officials that he could not use his feet after leaving the service.

He also got funds through the VA's Automobile Adaptive Equipment to purchase "special cars and vehicle adaptations designed to help veterans who are mobility-impaired".

Stultz, a kindergarten teacher at Antrim Elementary School in New Hampshire, received around £520,000 in received around £520,000 in benefits he wasn't entitled to between 2003 and 2022. Stultz, who faces up to five

years in prison, was seen and recorded several times walking without needing a wheelchair.





Son stabs mum and pet pooch

A MAN accused of stabbing his own mum – more than 50 times – to death, then tossing a butchered dog from off a high-rise building initially claimed the victim killed herself.

victim killed herself.
Andre Eugene, 36,
gave conflicting stories
over what happened
before he was charged
with the murder of
Donna Hyman, plus
aggravated cruelty to
animals and criminal
possession of a weapon.
Police were alerted
by the victim's sister
who called to say her
sibling had called her
and screamed into the
phone, but then said
nothing else.
When officers arrived
at Donna's home in

When officers arrived at Donna's home in Brooklyn, New York, they found Eugene naked and covered in blood in the lobby. Eugene said his mother had committed suicide, but officers discovered Ms Hyman's body covered in blood

body covered in blood and 58 stab wounds, with 26 to the head.

BIRD-BRAINED

FLIGHTS were brought to a standstill after a small blue PENGUIN waddled onto the main runway at Wellington National Airport in New Zealand.





















Salmonella warning for lizard fans

EXPERTS have warned a popular pet lizard could kill you.

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said a rare strain of salmonella is linked to ownership of bearded dragon lizards – a favourite among reptile owners.

Those who allow the little-tailed beasts to roam freely put their

little-tailed beasts to roam freely put their entire household's health at risk — especially in food settings.
"Bearded dragons can carry salmonella germs in their poo even if they look healthy and alten." These carres can

clean. These germs can easily spread to their bodies and anything in the area where they live and roam," the organisation warned.

Sick

"You can get sick from touching your bearded dragon or anything in its

bearded dragon or anything in its environment and then touching your mouth or food and swallowing salmonella germs."
Owners of the highly popular bearded dragon typically take the lizard out of its cage quite often, Dr LaToya Latney, who is president of the Association of Reptile and Amphibian Veterinarians, said.
"They are the golden retriever of the reptile

retriever of the reptile world in terms of ease of handling," she said. A 2021 survey crowned bearded

dragon lizards the most-owned reptile.

Priest, 80, 'killed by gay lover'

A PERUVIAN immigrant who killed an 80-year-old priest was the padre's secret LOVER, cops say.

The unidentified man, 40, was taken into custody for the death of Father Alfonso López Benito – a retired priest living in Valencia, Spain

The man was arrested after he was caught using the priest's bank card at a local bar and also had the holy man's phone.

Valencia Police believe the dispute was between the two lovers.

Several neighbours told police the suspect had been in the area a few days before Benito's body was discovered and that he regularly visited the priest's home for sex.

Police also reviewed Benito's financial records, showing transactions in the hours leading up to his death, which may have indicated that he was being blackmailed.

An autopsy confirmed the priest died from being suffocated.

Teacher's taboo passion for 17-year-old S DODGES PLEA DEAL: Christine



A TEACHER who had a sexual relationship with a 17-year-old female student avoided prison after her ex-pupils sent in letters of support ahead of her sentencing.

Educator Christine Knudsen, 46, was placed under lifetime parole supervision and forced

under lifetime parole supervision and forced to register as a sex offender, but won't see a day behind bars if she sticks to her sentencing terms. She's also prohibited from having any contact with her victim as part of a three-year suspended sentence tied to her illicit sexual relationship with the teenage student that lasted nearly a year back in 2017.

The relationship was technically legal as the

The relationship was technically legal as the victim was the age of consent. But for sen-tencing, the student was considered a child.

Trusting

"Parents send their kids to school every day, trusting they will be safe in the care of their teachers," Bergen County Judge Nina Remson said.

"And there is a very strong need to deter not only Ms Knudsen, but all citizens from violations of the law, especially in this nature involving a breach of involving a breach of trust between teacher and student." Knudsen pleaded guilty in July to reckless

endangerment after she

drama club at f'air Lawn High School, New Jersey, which Knudsen chaired. The former educator's lawyer in court blamed multiple troubles in her life, including substance abuse, for the inappropriate relationship. "I think it's fair to say from her comments that if she could go back in time she would love to do so," attorney Michael DeMarco said. "And unfortunately, we know you cannot do that. She's here today for something she knew was wrong and wanted to stop, but couldn't." Knudsen, who taught for two decades, had a positive influence on her classes, according to letters of support from ex-students, Assistant Prosecutor Stephen Bollenbach said. Prosecutor Stephen Bollenbach said. He described the plea deal as "justice

tempered with mercy".







WHAT'S ANNOYING HIM THIS WEEK?

In Africa the locals don't have much, but they DO have standards

THINGS have changed in our house.

Suddenly, we have a maid who turns up at the crack of dawn every day and immediately starts washing the dishes and mopping the floor, before going on to tackle the pile of

going on to tackle the pile of laundry.

Then she's out in the garden sweeping up leaves, making sure the pets are fed, and then running errands to the supermarket and back. When she finally knocks off for the day she's replaced by our overnight security guard who sets himself up outside the front door where he stays up all night on red alert for intruders.

Even though our place is safe, this is just standard. And very Upstairs Downstairs.

is just stand Downstairs.

The changes haven't stopped there. On Sunday, driving back from lunch with friends in a rental car, we hit a

with friends in a rental car, we hit a pothole and instantly popped a tyre. As I have two knackered shoulders and all the strength of a dandelion, along with the added benefit of having no idea how to fix anything at all, this put us in a pickle. Plus, we were stuck in the middle of nowhere without a mobile signal. F**ked.

Bang

Then two lads further up the road who had heard the bang of the tyre exploding came over to offer some assistance.

They delved into the boot and dug

and they delived into the boot and dug out the jack. And then looked under the chassis only to find a large hole where a spare tyre was meant to be. Doubly f**ked.

But they jacked up the car, removed the wheel, and put a rock underneath to keep it steady.

to keep it steady.

Then they jumped on a motorbike and raced off clutching the wheel towards a garage a couple of miles away to get it repaired.

Twenty minutes later we were on the road again, and the lads refused to take any more than a fiver for their trouble

If you think this sounds un-British, that's because it is.

Because despite what the obese berks in America think, we obviously

don't generally have maids and security guards and kind strangers offering to do whatever they can to help.

Nor are our legendary manners up to much these days, either.

This is because I'm not in Britain at the moment.

I'm in a place where everyone has smiles instead of scowls.

Where there isn't any daft debate about pronouns or gender swapping or four-year-old primary school girls whipping their willies out to show off in the female toilets.

Where if something needs doing, right now, it actually gets done.

Piss

This is Africa, a continent that if we're completely honest we've been taking the piss out of for as long as I can remember.

Yet who are the fools?

Although generally still dirt poor, there is more civility, generosity, and humour in a single square mile here than you'd struggle to find in Blighty.

Some of the locals might have nothing, but they do have standards.

And they bloody well stick to them. A bit like Britain used to be before we all went stark, staring mad.

(ALL done, Mr Presidente. Can you now ask your soldier to take the machete away from my throat?)

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COFFEE firm Starbucks sacked two staff after they heroically tackled a pair of armed robbers. Michael Harrison, 20, (above) was manning the drive-thru when two masked men entered the business in downtown St. Louis, Missouri, and ordered everyone to get on everyone to get on the floor. Michael later said he

cooperated with the robbers' demands and tried to open the till, but did not have the managerial credentials

One of the robbers,
Joshua Noe, clobbered
Harrison in the back of

Joshua Noe, Clobbered Harrison in the back of the head with his gun. A co-worker, Devin Jones-Ransom, noticed a portion of the weapon broke off and realised the gun was fake. Devin then began brawling with the assailants, with Michael coming to his aid. The melee then spilled outside, and a bystander jumped in to help the baristas. Noe was arrested at the scene while his accomplice, Marquise Porter-Doyle, was held nearby after fleeing. Cops later praised Michael and Devin for their courage.

However, Starbucks sacked the pair of have-a-go heroes, saying that they had "violated company policy".

Devil-lover suing over satan sign

A TOUCHY Satanist is suing over hurt feelings because his boss had a sign reading: "Not today, Satan," on his desk. The unidentified Air

Force veteran had the case taken up by the Military Religious Freedom Foundation, whose founder agreed to file a formal complaint.
The self-described

Satanist complained of a "hostile work environment" at the US Department of Veteran Affairs when they Veteran Affairs when they were invited to their supervisor's office and saw what they deemed to be a "grotesque Christian supremacist" sign.

It was placed "in such

a way it was physically directed at anyone sitting in the guest chair across from her desk," the offended staffer wrote in an email to the civil rights group

rights group.
The Military Religious Freedom Foundation's founder and president, attorney Michael Weinstein, agreed to represent the employee and prepare to file a lawsuit.

Weinstein said that "some folk are "ignorant of the full nature of satanism".









Dear Ava.

I WENT to a family wedding at a smart hotel with my missus and after the ceremony I headed for the bar and got stuck into the ale.

We were staying over and there was the evening "do" to come, so after a few beers I went for a lie down in our room.

I was dozing in just my boxers when a hand reached into my shorts, sending my cock skywards. And when I opened one eye, it was my wife's sister!

She started to tease my todger with her tongue and gave me a great a blowjob.

We made eye contact at the evening reception but nothing was said. What was all that about?

LG, Devon

Ava says...

BEST to keep it a secret, I reckon.

Dear Ava,

AS a plumber who is a regular at my local church, it wasn't unusual to get a call from our vicar's daughter to look at a problem at the vicarage. It was only a small job and afterwards she took me to the huge kitchen for a cup of coffee.

I noticed that she had quite a short skirt on and was showing a lot of leg, and as we chatted she showed more and more!

Soon I could clearly see her pussy on either side of her white lacy panties and I visibly stirred.

She began caressing my swollen cock. I pulled it out and pressed it up against her wet pussy-lips and pushed until I was bollocks deep.

Then I gave her the shag of her life. I've seen her since, but she never lets on.

MO, Somerset

MO, Somerset

Ava says...

PERHAPS you should offer to check her pipes!

Sex with missus and nanny is exhausting!

Dear Ava,

MY wife and I both work full-time, so a few months ago we took on a nanny to help at home.

She's a busty Australian and it wasn't long before we started shagging.

I was off work one day and saw her stood in her room starkers, She beckoned me in and we were immediately kissing and groping each other as she ripped my clothes off.

I lay her on the bed and

clothes off.

I lay her on the bed and licked her pussy, then she got down on her knees and sucked me off.

We had the most amazing sex and we have been doing so

for more than a few weeks.

My wife doesn't suspect a thing, but the hired help keeps playing footsie with me under the table at shared meal times. times. I'm infatuated with her and

I'm infatuated with her and I've been taking a lot of time off work – just to bonk her.
I've also been having sex with my wife in between, to keep her happy, but it's exhausting.
I'm worried I'll lose them both – and my job – as I keep dozing at my desk.
What should I do?

PR. south London

Ava says...

YOU can't really want sympathy!

It was quiet and when I went inside I was the only customer.

I was checking out this wicked pair of jeans when one of the girls – a blonde with big tits who always wears low-cut tops and short skirts – came over for a chat.

Sucking

I told her she looked nice, let her know where I'd be that night and said I'd buy her a drink if she came out. She told me the other shop girl had

She told me the other shop girl had gone out for lunch for an hour and the boss was on holiday.

She said the jeans would really suit me, asked if I wanted to try them on and gave me a filthy wink.

I went in the cubicle and put the jeans on. The dirty cow was locking the door and, after putting up the closed sign, she came into the cubicle and started snogging me.

I pulled down her top, got her big lovely tits out and started sucking

the door had gone away.
Sadly, the blonde decided to keep
the shop open – so that was the end
of our bit of afternoon delight.

However, she came to meet me at

Ava says...

NO. She knew the risk she was taking. I'm sure she will get another job soon.

Wife prefers huge sex toy to my cock

Dear Ava,

MY wife went to one of those sex toy parties where she spent £150 on sexy undies and bedroom gadgets. When she got home she pulled a huge black

vibrator out of her bag and led me to our bedroom, where she stripped off and began to demonstrate what the toy was capable of. I sat amazed as she spread her thighs,

flicked her love-bean for a minute to get her juices flowing and then eased the full length of the whirling machine deep inside her sopping wet hole.

After she brought herself to a climax, she laughingly tossed the sex toy over to me and invited me to have a go with it on her.

Shuddered

So I took hold of it and slipped it back into her as she lay open-legged on the bed.

She ordered me to bang it into her, faster and faster, until she shuddered and a huge orgasm rippled through her, while I lay back sweaty and knackered on the bed.

This has happened every night since and now she won't entertain having my own decent-sized cock inside her.

This is getting really frustrating. What should I do?

TL. Essex

Ava says...

MAKE your rival disappear fast!

Dear Ava,

OUR neighbours asked us to keep an eye on their house – and their 18-yearold son – while they were

away on holiday.
My husband works nights and one evening, bored of channel-hopping, I put on one of my husband's porn

I was f**king myself with a dildo when I heard a noise outside.

It was the neighbours' son, who was pissed and he'd lost his key.
I went out and told him he could stay at ours and my husband would help him

my husband would nelp nim in the morning. I told him to go in the lounge while I grabbed some drinks, but my heart sank when I realised I'd left the blue film running and the dildo on the sofa!

I gingerly peeped round the door and saw he was sitting there watching the porno with a thick nine-incher sticking out of his flies as he wanked himself off.

I came in the room and grabbed his cock, gave it a long hard suck and straddled him.

furiously until we came to a simultaneous climax. I asked him to keep quiet but he must have told his friends, as a few have been to see me for sex.

What should I do?

RG, Birmingham

Ava says...

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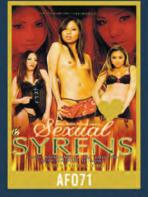


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11. African desert (6)
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17. Dutch cheese (4)
19. Spanish man (5)
21. Long-snouted mammal (5)
22. Regal (5)
23. Red meat (4)
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29. Nutty sweet (6)
30. Boundary (6)
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2. Skiing race (6)
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4. Principal bullfighter (7)
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1. RISHI Sunak is set to ban the sale of what, to

protect children's health?
a) Cigarettes
b) Energy drinks
c) Disposable vapes

d) Laughing gas

2. BRIT Carter Dallas has become the youngest person to reach Everest base camp as his proud parents said: "It's way better than holidaying in Tenerife!" How old is he?

a) Two b) Five c) Eleven d) Twelve

3. WHICH former footy star was spotted standing star was spotted standing in the away end at Craven Cottage as Newcastle advanced to fifth round of the FA Cup with a 2-0 win over Fulham? a) Peter Beardsley b) Alan Shearer b) Kovin Koven

c) Kevin Keegan d) Paul Gascoigne

4. BBC Radio 1 has announced its Big Weekend 2024 will be

held where?

a) Liverpool b) Leeds c) Leicester d) Luton

5. WHICH budget food store's boss has defected to Labour, after the Tories told him to "pipe down"
during his efforts to be a
Conservative MP?
a) Heron Foods

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6. WHICH Manchester United player is said to have gone on "a 12-hour tequila bender in Belfast before calling in sick for

7. WHICH controversial

8. WHICH European

training"?
a) Scott McTominay
b) Marcus Rashford
c) Alejandro Garnacho
d) Harry Maguire

TV star has welcomed their sixth child, at the age of 58?

a) Jeremy Kyle b) Jeremy Vine c) Jeremy Clarkson d) Jeremy Beadle

country has begun a four-day working week

ANSWERS

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a) Germany b) Spain

c) Italy d) Switzerland

9. WHICH broadcaster is set to sack hundreds of staff as it moves out of its London HQ amid a drop in advertising? a) Discovery b) ITV

c) Channel 4 d) S4C

10. NASA has found evidence of an ancient lake that may have bred microbial lifeforms around three billion years ago – on which planet?

a) Uranus b) Neptune c) Mars

d) Saturn





















England ready for Six Nations challenge

RUGBY UNION

STEVE Borthwick insists England's battle-hardened players are ready for the Guinness Six Nations as a result of facing greater club demands than any of their rivals.

Borthwick's 36-man

sound have racked up the highest number of minutes played since the World Cup due to their Premiership and European commitments.

But while they will enter the Six Nations depleted by a greater workload, Borthwick believes they have benefited from the competitiveness of English clubs.

"The players are match-hardened, so that's a great benefit. Generally I will try to look at the positive side and I have a group of players that are match-hardened. They are ready to go," Borthwick

said.
"The other thing is the nature of the Premiership. All of the games are counting so the leverage

counting so the leverage of all these games is huge.

"And there have been teams fighting in Europe to get qualification, fighting to find a way to win which, again, is a real positive.

"Everything we're getting is saying all the

getting is saying all the clubs are running more than they were 12 months ago, so that's a real positive."
England may enter Saturday's opener against

Saturday's opener against Italy in a fitter state than in 2023, but Premiership duty will not have equipped them for a Six Nations.

And Borthwick has also told his players that there is a minimum requirement every time they pull on a Red Rose jersey.
"The Six Nations is a

"The Six Nations is a contest. It's breakdown contest so we need to ensure that we've got that running right as well as the level of repeatability around the contact area,'
Borthwick said.
"We are going to

"We are going to improve as a rugby team. We will get tactically and technically better, and we will get fitter. "The supporters also need to see that this team fights all the time, is competitive all the time and plays at the intensity required in an England

"That is the base standard and if you have that, you can add the technical and tactical elements that will then follow."

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ENGLAND newcomer Hartley hopes the fairytale finish to his Test debut persuades India to "put a bit more respect on my name".

The left-arm spinner, who was fast-tracked into the side after just 20 first-class games, played a starring role in a famous win at

a starring role in a famous win at Hyderabad with second-innings figures of seven for 62.

That capped an emphatic shift in fortunes for the 24-year-old, who had earlier suffered a nightmare start when Yashasvi Jaiswal clubbed a solid first delivery in Test cricket for six.

More of the same followed just three balls later and his initial nine-over spell came at a cost of 63. While some may have been

While some may have been concerned over his readiness for the big stage, there was nothing but

By PAUL THOMAS

support from his team-mates. He went on to pay that back quicker and more dramatically than anybody could possibly have anticipated and now travels to Visakhapatnam with a spring in his step and a point proven.

"I was so nervous that first day.. "I was so nervous that first day... so to come and out in the fourth innings and do what I did, hopefully they can put a bit more respect on my name and go forward from there," he said.

Punches

"I've been hit for a lot of sixes in my career, so I don't let these things get on top of me. It was more frustration of 'why me? why am I getting picked on?".

"The background that I've had is to not let yourself get down. I just

want to be a fighter and throw some punches back."
Hartley explained how his grounding in limited-overs cricket, including as an opening option for Manchester Originals in the Hundred, allowed him to forget his brutal welcome from Jaiswal.

"He's not the first and he won't be the last," he told reporters.

"You look at the first ball and it wasn't a bad ball. If that's the way they want to play you've just got to play with it.

"Thankfully I've had this white-ball background and, even playing in the Championship this past year, lads have come after me. You've just got to accept it. I'm fine with it if people want to come after me."

Hartley whoselecalchy Ormskirk

people want to come after me."

Hartley, whose local club Ormskirk
gave free drinks to members in
honour of his achievement on Sunday, progressed from relative unknown to marked man at breakneck speed. How India choose to combat him in the second Test

to combat him in the second Test promises to be an intriguing sub-plot but one thing he knows he can rely on is the full backing of captain Ben Stokes.

The England skipper won plaudits for the way he kept his rookie involved after his difficult introduction, publicly showing his faith where others might have taken defensive measures. defensive measures.

Confidence

"The confidence that he has, the way he just builds you up, there's no negative thoughts," said Hartley.
"After that first innings it was real tough and I didn't bowl the way I really wanted to. But it's all positive, if you've not bowled great it's, 'Right, what can we do better in the second innings?' He brings so much confidence and life to this team."

While Hartley's stock has never

THE WORLD OF CRICKET



been higher, there is an elephant in the room when it comes to his in the room when it comes to his Lancashire prospects next season. The Red Rose have signed Australia's Nathan Lyon on an overseas deal for 2024, with the off-spinner expected to be available for the majority of

the season.
Englandwouldbedisappointed

Englandwouldbedisappointed if that hinders the progress of their latest find but the man himself has a better idea.
"I highly doubt Lyon will miss out so I hope we're playing together, that would be fantastic,"

together, that would be a nature he said.

Hartley progressed through the juniors at Ormskirk, a market town in Lancashire 13 miles north of Liverpool, and was even playing the odd game for them up until a couple of years

ago.

He still has close ties to the

club as his father's flower business supplies their hanging baskets, so it is little wonder there was unconfined joy at Hartley's accomplishments on the subentiment.

"It's a massive, massive achievement for him," club chair Bill Rankin said.

Dream

"We're all basking in the reflected glory, just to have been part of his cricket career.

"We'd have been watching it anyway as cricket fans and that was a fantastic result but to have a fantastic result where you know someone who's been a significant part of that, it adds a new element

"It was a great game, full stop, but it was an even greater game when you know someone who was making it happen. It's like a dream what happened to him on

dream what happened to him on Sunday.

"This is the first time we've had someone who's come through juniors who played at the highest level. That's why it's such a special moment as a club because he really is one of our own."

"The way he's been captained and looked after at Ornskirk, he's been backed," Rankin added. "It's a healthy way to bring people on.

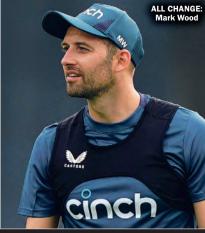
"He's been given the ball even when he was young when it could

He's been given the ban even when he was young when it could make the difference to a game, told not to worry about the outcome and he's won games that could have gone the other

way.
"It's nice to think that at the highest level he can play at, he seems to be getting that same sort of backing."



SUPPORT: Ben Stokes



Wood has put willies up Indians

CRICKET

MARK Wood feels England's victory in the first Test has changed the dynamics of the Test series, insisting "we've given them something to think about" ahead of next week's clash in Visakhapatnam.

England completed a famous 28-run win in Hyderabad, bouncing back from 190 behind after the first innings to complete a success already being talked about as one of their best ever away results.

Tom Hartley topped the home attack with his seven-wicket haul on day four and Ollie Pope's 196 exemplified the tourists' ability to control the game, raising questions about how India will respond.

And pace bowler Wood

is excited to place the ball firmly back in their court. "I don't know what they will produce next, they have the potential to do any wicket they want. But now we've given them something to think

about," he said.
"It's one of our greatest wins, that tells you how big it was, and now we know we can do it. They now have to come up with

a different plan.
"We've only won one
game and there are five in the series, so it's another big task to win the next game, but we've proved to India it will be a battle and we're not going to give up.

"It's not a foregone conclusion that we are going to turn up here and they're gonna spin us out. Popey has played a fantastic knock and they're now going to have to go analyse, like we would do if things didn't go well, and think how they are going to try and combat that.

combat that.

"We're playing
differently. It's not just
plodding forward and
trying to survive. We're
trying to put the pressure back on India. Their spinners were going at



PARTNER: Anderson

over four an over - that would have never

would have never happened in the last series.
"People call it 'Bazball', but it's putting that pressure on when the time comes and that's how we're trying to win games." games.

games."
Wood played as a
solitary seam bowler in
the opener, delivering just
25 overs in the match and
a new ball spell of just
one over in the second

one over in the second innings.
His was a unique role by English standards but one he or James Anderson may be asked to perform again by captain Ben Stokes in the second Test.

Stokes in the second Test.
"I actually said to Jimmy
that I found it more
bizarre not having anyone
to talk to," said Wood of
going it alone.
"Going with four
spinners and myself I
knew my role would be
very different to what I
was used to. It was a bit
odd. a bit weird at times. odd, a bit weird at times.

oud, a bit weird at times, but spin was doing the damage. "Very rarely would you ever think you'd bowl just one and then be off but I trust what Stokesy says. I'll give it everything for one over and when he says 'rest' I'm not annoyed; I get it, we're going to spin now.
"It could (happen again)

"It could (happen again) depending on what they produce. Going forward, for all the seam bowling group, we know that could be the statement and it's about getting your mind around how to approach it."

- FOOTBALL: Premier League,
 Tottenham v Brentford TNT
 Sports 2 1900, Liverpool v
 Chelsea TNT Sports 1 1930.
 CYCLING: Alula Tour —
- Eurosport 2 1130; Tour of Valencia Eurosport 2 1400.

 SNOOKER: German Masters —
- Eurosport 1 0900, 1400 and 1900.
- TENNIS: Upper Austria Ladies Linz Sky Sports Main Event 1100.

THURSDAY

- FIURSDAY

 FOOTBALL Premier League,
 West Ham v Bournemouth
 INT Sports 2 1900, Wolves v
 Manchester United TNT

 Sports 1930.

 SOLE: DP World Tour, The
 Bahrain Championship Sky
 Sports Golf 0830; The AT&T

 Pebble Beach Pro-Am Sky
 Sports Golf 1645.

 SNOOKER: German Masters —
 Eurosport 1 0900, 1400 and

 1900.

 CYCLING: AlUla Tour —
- 1900. CYCLING: AlUla Tour Eurosport 2 1130; Tour of Valencia Eurosport 2 1400. DARTS: Premier League Sky Sports Main Event 1900.

FRIDAY

- FOOTBALL: Championship, Bristol City v Leeds Sky Sports Football and Sky Sports Main Event 1930; African Cup of Nations, Synapter Field City Sports African Cup of Nations, quarter-final — Sky Sports Main Event 1700. Quarter-final — Sky Sports Premier League 1945, BBC Three 1950: Ligue 1. Strasbourg V Paris St. Germain — TNT Sports 1 1945; Serie A. Lecce v Fiorentina — TNT Sports 2 1945. RUGBY UNION: Six Nations, RUGBY UNION: Six Nations, Evene a Verland — IV 1915
- France v Ireland ITV 1915. CRICKET: First ODI, Australia v West Indies TNT Sports 1
- West Indies TNT Sports 1 0330.
 60LF. DP World Tour, The Bahrain Championship Sky Sports Golf and Sky Sports Main Event 10830. The AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Sky Sports Golf 1645, Sky Sports Main Event 2200.
 CYCLING-Allula Tour Eurosport 2 1200. Tour of Valencia Eurosport 2 1400.
 DARTS: The Masters ITV4 1845.

- SN00KER: German Masters Eurosport 1 1400 and 1900.

 TENNIS: Upper Austria Ladies Linz Sky Sports Main Event 1330.

SATURDAY

• F00TBALL: Premier League, Everton v Tottenham — TNT Sports 1 T110. Sheffield United v Aston Villa — Sky Sports Main Event and Sky Sports Premier League 1770; cinch Premiership, Aberdeen

v Celtic — Sky Sports Football and Sky Sports Main Event 1200: National League, Ebbsfleet v Oldham — TNT Ebbsfleet v Oldham — INT
Sports 1 1700: Serie A.
Frosinone v AL Milan — INT
Sports 2 1715. Bologna v
Sassuolo — TNT Sports 2 1930:
Scottish Challenge Cup.
Falkirk v The New Saints —
S4C 1730: Lique 1. Nantes v
Lens — INT Sports 1 1945;
Africa Cup of Nations,
quarter-final — BBC Three
1950.

RUGBY UNION: Six Nations,
Italy v England — ITV 1330,
Wales v Scotland — BBC and
S4C 1600.

- S4C 1600. GOLF: DP World Tour, The
- Pebble Beach Pro-Am Sky Sports Golf 1630, Sky Sports Main Event 2300.
- HORSE RACING: Sandown -
- ITV3 1300. CYCLING: AlUla Tour

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL: Premier League,
Manchester United v West
Ham — Sky Sports Premier
League 1300. Sky Sports Main
Event 1400, Arsenal v
Liverpool — Sky Sports Main
Event and Sky Sports Main
Event 1300. WSL, West Ham
v Arsenal — BBC Two England
1215, Game TBC — Sky Sports
Premier League 1930:
Championship. Middlesbrough
v Sunderland — Sky Sports
Football and Sky Sports
I 1330. Lapoli v Hellas Verona
— TNT Sports 2 1400. Atalanta
v Lazio — TNT Sports 2 1700.
Inter Milan v Juventus — TNT
Sports 1 1930. Ligue 1, Lyon v
Marseille — TNT Sports 2 1730.
6 GOLF: DP World Tour. The
Bahrain Championship — Sky
Sports Golf falod. Sky Sports
Main Event 1830. The AT&T
Pebble Beach Pro-Am — Sky
Sports Golf 1600. Sky Sports
Main Event 1930.

- CRICKET: Second ODI, Sports 2 0330.
- ITV regions 1250.
 SN00KER: German Masters -

- Bahrain Championship Sky Sports Golf and Sky Sports Main Event 0900; The AT&T
- CYCLING: AlUla Tour —
 Eurosport 2 1135; Tour of
 Valencia Eurosport 2 1500.
 DARTS: The Masters ITV4
 1245, ITV3 1900.
 SNOOKER: German Masters —
 Eurosport 1 1300 and 1900.

- Sports Golf 1600, Sky Sports Main Event 1930.
- Australia v West Indies TNT
- CYCLING: Tour of Valencia —
 Eurosport 2 1000 and 1500.
 HORSE RACING: Dublin Festival
- Eurosport 1 1300 and 1900

BURDETT ST road to fi

A TILT at the Triumph Hurdle remains on Burdett Road's

agenda despite his defeat at Cheltenham on Saturday. A winner at Royal Ascot in the summer for Michael Bell and the Gredley family, the four-year-old confirmed

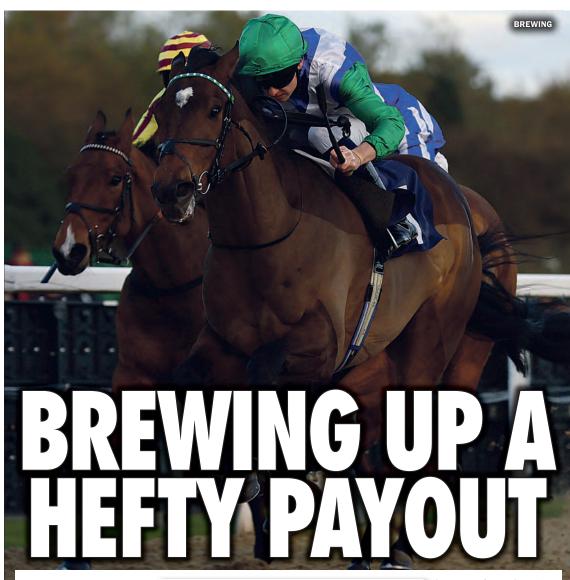
himself a top-class jumping recruit in winning his first two starts over hurdles at Huntingdon. The son of Muhaarar was a marginal favourite to complete his hat-trick in Saturday's Grade Two Triumph Hurdle Trial, but on the day he proved no match for Nicky Henderson's Sir Gino, who rocketed 10 lengths clear and is now as short as evens for the juvenile championship at the Cheltenham Festival in March.

the Cheltenham Festival in March.
Trainer James Owen acknowledges Burdett Road will have his work cut out in his bid to turn the tables on Sir Gino, but he is nevertheless happy to roll the dice.
"We bumped into a very good horse and the positive we can take from it is that we jumped better and he's come out of it fine," said the Newmarket handler.
"I think drier ground will help us. We've got to improve to bridge that gap, but he'll have an easy week and he'll be trained for the Triumph Hurdle – all systems go, basically." hasically '

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Owen is optimistic his charge can make more of a race of it in March, adding: "We were pleased in quite a few ways on Saturday as he jumped better and settled better, albeit he got keen at the top of the hill when they seemed to slow the race down."

ALL THE TOP TIPS FOR TODAY'S RACING



By MIKE FRANCIS

BREWING can enhance his enviable career record of four wins in six starts with another strike in the Try Unibet's

strike in the Try Unibet's New Acca Boosts Handicap at Kempton.
Hailing from the fine family of Superstar Leo, Brewing did not make the track until the backend of his three-year-old campaign but made up for lost time with three quickfire all-weather wins, hitting the target twice at Newcastle and one at Kempton.

Kempton. He was then off the track He was then off the track until last April, when he put up a decent showing to finish fourth in a competitive heat on Lingfield's All-Weather Finals consolation card but he was then absent again until November.

Competitive

William Haggas found a William Haggas found a winning opportunity for his return, but the five-year-old could not follow up on New Year's Day, when a lack of an early gallop counted against him in finishing fourth over six furlongs.

Edging back up to seven furlongs here is viewed as a plus on that basis, given he has twice scored over the distance, and he remains on a competitive mark.

a competitive mark.

Metaverse posted an improved second effort and can take another leap



forward in the Unibet Support Safe Gambling

forward in the Unibet Support Safe Gambling Novice Stakes.
Well beaten on his initial run, he was an eyecatcher at Kempton in mid-January as he came home sixth behind Aidan Andabettin, beaten just two and a half lengths after a slow start, with his inexperience still evident.
There was nlenty to like

inexperience still evident.
There was plenty to like about the way he stayed on though, with David Menuisier's charge likely to be suited by seven furlongs.
Rocket Ronald should be able to get off the mark at the second time of asking in

able to get off the mark at the second time of asking in Leicester's EBF British Stallion Studs "National Hunt" Novices' Hurdle.

He made his debut at this track in November, chasing home the odds-on favourite Hasthing to be beaten just

over two lengths in what was

over two lengths in what was a promising effort.

The winner has since gone in again at Catterick and Rocket Ronald looks a decent type for Laura Morgan.

Florencethemachine is better than her last run suggests, having been beaten 45 lengths in third at Ludlow in November.

The six-year-old cost £120,000 after winning a point to point but after an initial second, she failed to build on that as she jumped poorly, with a mistake at the second last prompting her rider to ease her down in the finish.

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Paul Nicholls is sure to have put in plenty of time on the schooling grounds and the first division of the Herring Mares' Maiden Hurdle at Exeter offers

chance of redemption.
Passing Well might
appreciate a switch in
distance in the three-mile
General Gilbert Novices'
Limited Handicap Chase.
A two-and-a-half-mile
winner on his penultimate
start, Passing Well had to
settle for third at Newbury,
beaten less than a length
after getting a bit outpaced
at a crucial point over an
extended two miles and six
furnons. furlongs. The way he stayed on

The way he stayed on suggests a staying trip may now be in order. Ideal Des Bordes is the pick in the Kennford Maiden Hurdle.

Hurdle.
Around a 25-1 shot for the Albert Bartlett at the Festival, Ideal Des Bordes has placed in two hurdles runs this year, most recently when easily held by Welcom To Cartries at Ascot before Christmas. Christmas.

The winner was second in Grade Two at the weekend, so the form looks fair.

DUNDALK: 1.30 Mint Man, 2.00 Pierre Lapin, 2.35 Thurmond, 3.05 Carlo Bianconi, 3.35 Jazzy Dancer, 4.05 River Derwent, 4.35 Brains, 5.10 Irish Rumour.

EXETER: 1.40 Muskoka, 2.10 Passing EXETER: 1.40 Muskoka, 2.10 Passing Well, 2.45 Florencethemachine, 3.15 Easy Peasy, 3.45 Ideal Des Bordes, 4.15 Time To Bite, 4.45 Lassue.
KEMPTON: 5.00 Luna Effect, 5.30 Lady Of Arabia, 6.00 Metaverse, 6.30 BREWING (MAP), 7.00 Suffrajet, 7.30 Raintown, 8.00 Livinthelife, 8.30 Private Bryan.
LEICESTER: 1.50 Believe Jack, 2.25 Hiltlown, 2.55 Rocket Ronald, 3.25 Another Day Out, 3.55 Oxygen, 4.25 Silver Atom.



UNDER-pressure Crystal Palace manager Roy Hodgson says it would be a "sad day" in south London should another Premier League side lure away Michael Olise this summer.

The 22-year-old has turned heads despite an injury-plagued campaign that saw him sit out the beginning of the season with hamstring injuries.

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Olise has nevertheless managed to score five goals in just nine Premier League appearances for Palace this season and is rumoured to have attracted the attention ofclubs including Manchester United and Chelsea.

Hodgson said: "It would be a sad day for the club. Like everyone else I was delighted when he signed a long-term contract and I'm certain that's what the club would like him to honour and we'd like to improve and build the team around players of his quality, and (Marc) Guehi and (Joachim) Andersen and (Cheick) Doucoure.

"We need these players to make the team stronger, not

By ANDY MILLOM

lose them to other Premier League clubs who may be putting money on the table. "To be honest at the

moment that's not something that really does concern me. We need to get some points on the board to move higher up the table and away from the relegation zone. "I'm certainly counting on Michael Olise for that, and

the summer will have to take care of itself."

Concerns

While Olise trained with the team, Hodgson cautioned the club "have to be careful" with his return from injury. "We'll see," he added. "He himself feels fine, so I don't have any concerns myself but we will have to keep an eye on it because it's quite a long time since he played the last game."

The 15th-placed Eagles head into Tuesday's home contest against bottom side Sheffield United five points clear of the relegation zone

Sheffield United five points clear of the relegation zone and looking to bounce back from last week's FA Cup exit and the 5-0 Premier League loss to Arsenal, during which



protest banners were raised in the away end protesting the direction of the club.

Hodgson received a boost with the signing of right-back Daniel Munoz.

He has signed from Genk for an undisclosed fee iuntil the summer of 2027 with an option to extend his contract by a further year. The 27-year-old has made

The 21-year-old has made 22 appearances for Colombia and spent the last four years with Genk, helping them win the Belgium Cup in 2021.
He said: "It's a pleasure for me to be here at such a

historic club, such a big club as Crystal Palace. "I'm very excited, very happy, and I can't wait to be on the pitch. "I think it's a dream come

"I think it's a dream come true for me and I hope to be up to the task."

Palace's poor form has increased the scrutiny on Hodgson's position, although chairman Steve Parish is confident their first recruit of the January transfer window can have a big impact in their bid to avoid relegation this season.

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"We are delighted to welcome a player of Daniel's quality and character to the club," Parish said.

"He has experience at the highest level for club and country, and he possesses an impressive record going forwards for a full-back.
"I am certain his ability,

forwards for a full-back.
"I am certain his ability, athleticism and tenacity will be a huge boost to the squad for the remainder of the season, and beyond."

#ASTON VILLA boss Unai

Emery insists he wants to keep hold of "very important" Jacob Ramsey amid Jacob Ramsey amid speculation over the midfielder's future. It has been reported that Villa need to sell before

strengthening their squad due to the Premier League's profit and sustainability rules.

rules.

Ramsey, 22, who has been linked with Newcastle, Tottenham and Bayern Munich, is currently recovering from a hamstring injury and remains doubtful for Tuesday night's home league game against Eddie Howe's Magpies.

Emery told a press conference: "Jacob Ramsey is a very important player. He grew up in the academy and his progression is getting better.

"His level is increasing a lot and I want to keep him here with us. Of course, there are movements (speculation)

are movements (speculation) around him.

"Maybe there are teams involved in the possibility to sign him because he has a big, big potential at Villa and in England. I want to keep him here, 100 per cent."

Villa have also been reported to have had a third bid for 21-year-old Middlesbrough striker Morgan Rogers rejected and Emery said: "The club is working hard so some players can leave, then if we can we can add potentially."

- 1. Who were the last team to win back-toback Super Bowls?
- 2. How many sets did Jannik Sinner drop on his way to the Australian Open title?
- 3. Which county does new England spin hero Tom Hartley play for?
- 4. What is Maidstone United's home ground called?
- 5. Which team is currently top of the Scottish Championship?
- 6. In which city is this week's German Masters snooker being held?
- 7. Who beat England in the final of the netball Nations Cup in Leeds on
- 8. Matthieu Pavon won the Farmers Insurance Open to become the first French player to win on the PGA Tour since what
- 9. How many British clubs did Robbie Keane play for?
- 10. Who is the British women's 100-metre record holder?
- 11. Who beat Luke Littler in the final of the **Dutch Darts Masters** on Saturday to deny him back-to-back World Series titles?
- 12. Jared Goff is a quarterback for which NFL team?
- 13. West Indies secured a famous victory against Australia on Sunday, but when was the last time they earned a Test match win on Australian soil?
- 14. Former Chelsea and England midfielder Karen Carney began her career at which club?
- 15. How many Australian Open singles titles did Serena Williams win during her career?
- 16. Who will Wigan Warriors face in the World Club Challenge next month?
- 17. In which city will this year's Tour de France finish?
- 18. Who is captain of New Zealand women's cricket teams?
- 19. How many Olympic gold medals did Sir Ben Ainslie win?
- 20. Where will the 2025 Women's Rugby World Cup be held?

Parlote; 2, Three; 3, Lander England Parlote; 2, Three; 3, Lancashire; 4, Gaillegner Stadding, 5, Budder, 5, Budder, 6, Berlin, 9, Lottenham, Liverpool, 104tenham, Liverpool, 104tenham, Latumon, 20, Budder, 12, Lgor, 12, Lgor, 12, Lgor, 13, Lgor, 14, Birmingham; 15, Lgor, 14, Birmingham; 15, Lgor, 15, Lgor, 15, Lgor, 14, Birmingham; 15, Lgor, 14, Birmingham; 15, Lgor, 15, L

- 1911: Jim Driscoll became the first man to win the Lonsdale Belt outright when he stopped 'Spike' Robson in the 11th round of their British featherweight title fight in London.
- 1919: Jackie Robinson, who went on to become the first black player in Major League Baseball, was born. He died in 1972.
- 1965: Jock Stein was appointed manager of eltic. He went on to become the club's most successful boss and in 1967 guided them to Britain's first victory in the European
- Cup. 1994: Roy Evans was named Liverpool manager, succeeding Graeme Souness
- 1999: England manager Glenn Hoddle was called in by the Football Association to explain his comments about people with disabilities after he was quoted in The Times as saying: "Some people have been born like that for a reason. What you sow you have to reap."
- days later. 2007: Dubai International Capital pulled out of a proposed takeover bid for Liverpool. The announcement followed the failure of the club's board to formally accept DIC's

He was sacked two

- bid in the wake of a second offer from American George
- 2010: Andy Murray lost 6-3 6-4 7-6 (11) to Roger Federer in the Australian Open final. It was his second grand slam final ppearance, having lost to Federer in three sets at the 2008 US
- Open final. 2013: David Beckham joined French Ligue 1 side Paris St Germain on a five-month deal. while Manchester City sold striker Mario Balotelli to AC Milan.
- 2016: Chelsea captain John Terry announced he would leave Stamford Bridge at the end of the season after the club decided not to renew his contract.
- 2021: Leaders Chelses extended their unbeaten run in the League to 33 games with a 4-0 win over Tottenham.
- 2022: Everton Lampard as their new manager on a two-and a-half-year contract. 2023: Chelsea
- confirmed World Cupwinner Enzo Fernande had completed his British record £106.8million transfer from Benfica after negotiations went to the final hours of a dramatic transfer deadline day.

ALL THE LATEST AS LIVERPO

VIRGIL Dijk van admits Liverpool's hierarchy have a big job to replace Jurgen Klopp and is "curious" to see the direction they go in.

The Reds captain does not believe uncertainty over the future will affect their ambitions future will affect their ambitions this season, having continued their challenge on four fronts with a comfortable FA Cup victory over Norwich.

But with the likes of himself, Mohamed Salah and Trent Alexander-Arnold all in the final 18 months of their contracts, there are a lot of significant decisions to be

a lot of significant decisions to be made before the summer. "The club will have a big job on their hands, that is well known," he

"To replace not only the manager but the whole staff and there are so

By PAUL THOMAS

many things that will change. I'm wery curious which direction that will go in but when that will be announced we will see our situation.

"It will be the end of Jurgen Klopp's era – I am still part of it that's why I don't like to talk about it – and that

"Hopefully we will have the success we all dream of and by then probably there will be more clarification about what the club wants for the future and then we will

Asked whether he saw himself being part of the next era, Van Dijk added: "That's a big question. I don't know.

However, any questions about how the players would respond to learning the news of Klopp's departure at the end of the season

were emphatically answered with a 5-2 victory over the Canaries at an emotional Anfield.

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Bigger tests await this week with Chelsea visiting on Wednesday before they head to Arsenal next weekend but Van Dijk insists nothing will – or should – be different.

"Nothing has really changed. Obviously things will change at the end of the season and in the new season but at the moment it doesn't and we have to keep doing the same and we have to keep doing the same things," he added.

Normal

"It's easier said than done but I sense the rest of the boys think like that as well and it is the job for me to ensure we keep it that way.
"We are all human beings and we have emotions — some players feel different about the manager's announcement than others.
"That's absolutely normal because

everyone thinks in different ways but I didn't notice the professionalism being dropped or the level of standard. The training sessions I have seen in the last couple of days were not different than before.
"For the boss it (the Norwich game) was a bit different but for us it transferent seems and to the part of the

it was to make sure we got to the next round with some players coming back from injury and now we focus

back from injury and now we focus on Wednesday.

"We can speak about the situation, about what will happen next year, every week but it doesn't change, it's noise we don't need and that's why we focus on getting the job done and that's why I feel nothing has changed.

"It is still the same but at the end of the season there will be different.

"It is still the same but at the end of the season there will be different things happening of course, but that is for the club to sort out."

Former Reds boss Rafa Benitez believes the club has a massive task in finding Klopp's successor. The

OL HUNT NEW MANAGER



Spaniard's six-year Anfield reign ended in 2010 and is pals with the German. Benitez is now in the hotseat at Celta Vigo in Spain and says he understands why Klopp has decided to call it a day

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He said: "I have an advantage, which is that I have people in Liverpool and also people at the club, so more or less, I know how it has happened.

Positive

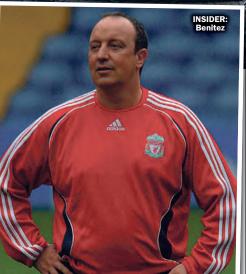
"I only have positive words about Klopp, because he is my friend and I have a good relationship with him.
"He has done and is doing an enormous job. Everything I can say about Klopp and Liverpool is mositive.

"I know something else from inside, and it has more merit

than being there. He speaks up, giving the club time to reorganise, than being there. He speaks up, giving the club time to reorganise, which, from another perspective, is also very German, because they do notify in advance, so it is not a shock. Let's hope Liverpool will do well now and when another coach comes. I hope the best for the club."

Meanwhile, full-back Calvin Ramsay has joined League One outfit Bolton on loan until the end of the season.

Ramsay, 20, began the current campaign on a temporary switch at Preston, but made only two appearances before being recalled by the Reds this month. He will hope to establish himself at the Toughsheet Community Stadium, following in the footsteps of fellow Reds right-back Conor Bradley, who won the club's 2022-23 player of the season award.





Lockyer back at training after scare

LUTON captain Tom Lockyer had an emotional reunion with his team-and

admitted to feeling
"disconnected" with the
football world following his
cardiac arrest last month.
The 29-year-old visited
the club's training ground
for the first time since an
on-pitch collapse during the Hatters' game against Bournemouth on December 16

He was fitted with a defibrillator and he revealed he has since been spending time resting and doing jigsaws, as well as a spot of DIY. Lockyer confessed he is

missing the everyday buzz of being a professional footballer.

"I've enjoyed coming in and seeing all the lads. I haven't seen them since what happened, so it's really nice to see them all and be back in the building," Lockyer told the club website. "It makes you miss it.

Being away, you almost get a bit disconnected from the football world because it is unique and

because it is unique and different than anything else you do.

"Being so active for all my life, not just football but everything else in general, to then be told you can't really do anything has been quite difficult. I've been trying to find things to do.

"I've got a couple of Harry Potter jigsaws but I think the Lego is my favourite. Just anything to try to keep me busy. I'm a



GAFFER: Edwards

bit of a handyman, if you need a wonky shelf or a wonky picture frame (fixing), I'm your man."

"It was amazing to see him back," manager Rob Edwards said. "We had a really good morning seeing him around the place. "We handed out the

debut Premier League balls with John Still and Mick Harford. It was a nice presentation; it was a special moment and great to see. I managed to hold it together but it was emotional. It's been a really difficult time for his family first and foremost, but for us it was great to see him. "He's an unbelievably

brave man and someone who has an unbelievable handle over all of it. I wouldn't be how he is.

He's such an impressive and focused person. There's a rehabilitation process but he's taking it slowly, he's got a baby on the way and that's his main focus."

JOAO CAN BE A GREAT

ROBERTO De Zerbi believes in-form Brighton top scorer Joao Pedro must sustain performances over 90 minutes to take the final step in becoming a "great, great player".

Brazilian forward Pedro increased his tally for the season to 18 goals with a hat-trick during Saturday's 5-2 FA Cup win at Sheffield United.

"Joao Pedro's DNA is of a top player," said Brighton boss De Zerbi.

"The target of Joao is to play better and to keep this mentality because now he's showing a great mentality, a mentality he needs and we need.

"He's becoming amazing as a striker because his quality to play in ball possession, to play in between the lines, to make assists were important but in terms of goals, he's improving a lot."

ON SALE WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MIDWEEK January 31, 2024





REAL Madrid are on the verge of signing Kylian Mbappe.

Spanish league president Javier Tebas has spilled the beans, saying there is a 'high probability' that the French ace is coming to the Bernabeu.

The 25-year-old is entering the final few months of his contract with Paris St Germain and is certain to move. He was linked with a move to the deal done to bring Mbappe to

By JOHN ANTHONY

the Premier League but financial fair play rules have scuppered moneybags Newcastle and the likes of Liverpool and Chelsea who were thought to be interested.

But Madrid have been waiting for a new talisman after Karim Benzema left for Saudi Arabia last

year.

Spain. When asked if he reckons it will happen, he said: "I think a high probability.
"It's a personal opinion. It will depend on Real Madrid, the president and what he is willing to bet on.
"Real Madrid must think that the arrival of Jude Bellingham has made them already have a star, Vinicius Junior is another. If the player wants to go to Madrid...more than 50%."

